Mining of gold

5133. DR. SHRIKANT RAMACHANDRA JICHKAR : Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity of gold which was mined out in our country during the lsat three years, annually;

(b) what was its value;

(c) what is the cost of production of one unit of mined gold; and

(d) what is the target for the current year ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV) : (a) and (b) The quantity of primary gold produced through mining and as a by-product during the past 3 years and its value are as under :—

Quantity (Qty.) in Kgs.
Value in Rs./(Crores)

	1991-92		1992-93		1993-94	
	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value	Qty. (Provisional)	Value
Through Gold mining	1752	79.29	1547	66.31	1639	73.79
As a by-product	284	12.01	291	11.54	437	18.50
TOTAL	2036	91.30	1838	77.85	2076	92.29

(c) The cost of producton of 1 gram of gold produced by Bharat Gold Mines Ltd. (BGML) and Hutti Gold Mines Co. Ltd. (HGML) during the past 3 years is as under :

(in Rupees)

	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94
B.G.M.L.	762.9	858.1	953.3
H.G.M.L.	288.7	425.1	397.4

(d) BGML & HGML have respectively targetted production of 864 Kgs. and 1100 Kgs. of gold in 1994-95. Hindustan Copper Ltd. has targetted production of 300 Kgs. of by-product gold during the same period.

Production of silver

5134. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR : Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity of silver which was mined out or produced in our country during the last 3 years;

(b) what is its value;

(c) what is the cost of production of one unit of mined silver; and

(d) what is the target for silver production in the country for the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV) : (a) and (b) Silver is produced in the country only as a by-product. The total quantity of silver so produced during the past 3 years and its value is as under :—

Quantity in Kgs.
Value in Rs.(Crores)

Year	Quantity	Value
1991-92	35,742	25.68
1992-93	46,532	25.85
1993-94 (Provisional)	56,098	35.63